

PUBLIC MEETING #1 – PUBLIC COMMENTS April 5, 2005

Project: Forest Ridge Park
Raleigh, North Carolina

Project No. 04136

Date of Mtg.: April 5, 2005

Location: Durant Nature Park, Campbell Lodge, Raleigh, NC

Attendees:	Victor Lebsock	City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation Dept.
	Mary Alice Farrell	Master Plan Committee Member
	Greg Barley	Master Plan Committee Member
	George Stanziale	HadenStanziale PA (HSPA)
	Todd M. Parrott	HadenStanziale, PA (HSPA)
	Nicole Taddune	HadenStanziale, PA (HSPA)
	Tim Clark	Haden Stanziale, PA (HSPA)

Additional attendees included representatives from the Army Corps of Engineers, City of Raleigh Department of Parks and Recreation and from the Wake County Department of Parks and Recreation. Approximately 60 members from the community attended and participated in Public Meeting #1.

Purpose: Public Meeting #1 was held to inform area residents and interested parties of the beginning of the Master Planning Process and to receive initial input, including local knowledge of natural or historic features and community desires.

Process: The public participants were given about 20 minutes to review Site Analysis maps and to interact with staff in an informal manner. After general project and staff introductions, Haden Stanziale presented the Master Planning Process and site analysis using a PowerPoint presentation format. After the PowerPoint presentation, community members were invited to ask questions, express concerns, and to share their thoughts on desired site program elements. Below is a summary of public commentary.

Public Commentary:

Questions (directed at and addressed by Vic Lebsock):

- What is a Metro Park?
 - **Ans:** Largest size park i.e. Shelly Lake and Pullin Park
- Who is the controlling agency?
 - **Ans:** Corps is controlling agency. They are interested in natural resource based recreation (passive)
- What is in Phase 1?
 - **Ans:** Phasing to be determined once plan is developed
- Is the white water course a part of the project?

- **Ans:** White water funds separate from Master Plan Park funds—white water course to be incorporated into Forest Ridge Park Master Plan
- Does the Master Plan include greenway to the Dam?
 - **Ans:** Possibly, depends on how plan unfolds
- Is it an objective to connect parks/greenways etc
 - **Ans:** Connectivity is an objective to some degree

Concerns

- Water quality
- Preservation of vegetation
- Game and Hunting
 - Turnover has started—2 year process
- Buffers to adjoining properties
- Lighting at night—light pollution from park if lit at night
- Studies re: crime/safety etc when introducing a park into a neighborhood (Team looking into this)
- Access/traffic impacts—the primary access route is Old Highway 98 which is through a residential area
- Property value impacts—does property value increase or decrease if property is in close proximity to a park or greenway? Any studies showing this? (Team looking into this)
- Parking Issues
- Homeowners with property adjacent to where the greenway would be proposed do not want a greenway or trails behind their property

Site Program Thoughts

- Canoeing/sail boats
- Water uses
- Sustainably built/low impact mountain biking trails
- Beach area
- Better access than through residential (Wakefield/Old 98)
- Crew team rowing facility
- Leave as is and open to hunting
- Water based activity—fishing/small boating
- Soccer fields
- No athletic fields
- Hiking and running trails
- Non motorized boating
- Water based activities
- Trails
- No athletic fields at all
- Access from Highway 98
- Informal open fields

*Look at recreation related to other parks

Next Steps:

- Revise Master Plan schedule
- City of Raleigh Parks and Rec to form Master Plan committee
- Master Plan committee to set date for next meeting

The foregoing conveys HadenStanziale, PA's understanding of the items discussed and decisions reached during the meeting. Any changes or additions should be brought to the immediate attention of Todd M. Parrott within ten days of receiving the meeting minutes.

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